

# SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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We would like to wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas and the best of health for the coming year. Many thanks to all those who help with the delivery of the newsletter each month and to James Mansfield for typing the newsletter for the past few months. Our regular deliverer for The Green has moved away so if you would like to volunteer to deliver approximately 14 copies, please contact a member of the editorial team.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Grass Cutting** – Volunteers are needed to help mow The Green in the spring. If you can help, please contact Vic Wright on 01525 270537

**Allotments** – There are still plots available on the allotments. If you are interested please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr John Spiers, on 01525 370094.

**Dog Fouling** – Would dog owners please use the dog bin provided on the Millennium Green and not use the normal rubbish bins for disposing of dog waste.

**Parking** – The Council has received several complaints about parking on pavements. They would like to emphasize that this is anti-social and can lead to a fine.



## LOW FLYING AIRCRAFT

Mrs Norma Kempster, of Holly Grange, Hollingdon, has written to our MP Mr John Bercow about low flying aircraft abusing the buffer zone over Soulbury and Hollingdon. If you would like to express similar sentiments then contact Norma on 01525 270652 or email : [normakempster@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:normakempster@tiscali.co.uk)

## MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

(November 100 club winner – 27)

The recent Race Night was a huge success. As is the norm there was a lot of shouting, drinking and digging deep into pockets and thanks to the generosity of spirit, a grand sum of £439 was added to the Millennium Green funds. Thank you so much to all those who came along, bought horses and the local business people and individuals who sponsored a race, your support for the Green is very much appreciated. A big thank you to the very well organised Chris and Christine Bryant who arranged and ran the night. Thanks also go to Michel, Jean and Christine B who along with all the other trustees contributed and prepared the delightful hot supper. Thanks must of course be given to Adrian and Callum for doing a grand job running the tote.

Many of you may have noticed the 100 Club subscription form enclosed with this month's newsletter. If you would like to support the upkeep and maintenance of the village Millennium Green by taking part in the monthly draw then please complete the form and return to Jane at 4 Andrews Close. The first draw will take place in late January so please complete and return ASAP.

This year the trustees have used funds generated by the 100 Club, coffee mornings and quiz to service and make minor repairs to the ride-on mower which was purchased last November. They have also paid to make sure that all insurances are up to date, along with the purchase of some hazel trees which have been planted in the annex to create a grove that could attract dormice. Wild flower seeds were bought and scattered in the annex, encouraging a nice variety of butterflies and other insects. Shingle for around the benches and oak tree was purchased along with other expenses such as outside labour costs and other incidentals. The coming year sees plans to install a further two solid pond liners into the front swale to enable pond creatures to move between permanent water reservoirs without having their habitat drying out completely. The two pond liners have been generously donated by "Atlantis" of Durrance Farm, Stewkley Road. They have been very helpful in the past and many thanks for this further gift in support of the Millennium Green Wildlife.

If you can, and would like to help Liz to get the pond liners in place ready for the spring then please contact her on 01525 270545. Ideally she would like to gather a small work party of volunteers so the job can be completed in one hit. Good exercise and cheaper than a health club!!

The Vale Volunteers, along with Liz, Nan and Jon tackled the wooded areas and did some thinning out of the willows and other trees to allow the stronger trees room to grow. They also recreated the paths through the woodland. There have been some regular hedgehog sightings which is good news, let's hope they can survive the winter and be around in the spring and produce some young hedgehogs.

That's all for this year – except to wish you all Greetings for a Happy Christmas and New Year.

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## CHURCH NEWS

**THE PATRONAL SERVICE** – It was quite uplifting to be present at the church on 5<sup>th</sup> November when Bishop Alan Wilson, the Bishop of Buckingham came to celebrate All Saints Day with us. White and yellow chrysanthemums, white lillies and green foliage decorated the window ledges. There were 65 people from Soulbury, Stewkley and Drayton Parslow who listened to the Bishop's inspiring sermon about the everyday deeds of kindness that ordinary people do for each other and which are the most important aspect of being a Christian. He acknowledged that in today's society, so preoccupied with selfish desires, individualism, money and fame, it is very difficult to concentrate on the important matters such as kindness.

**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE** – Just over 40 people gathered around the war memorial on 12<sup>th</sup> November to observe two minutes silence and watch as three poppy wreaths were placed on the stone step at the foot of the memorial. After this little ceremony, everyone went into the church to remember all those who have given their lives in the two world wars, whose names were read out by the Rev. Peter Lymbery; also those who have died since and are dying now in Iraq and Afghanistan. It was a fitting, solemn occasion. Many thanks to the refreshment ladies, the flower ladies, the organists Mr Chris Jones and Mr Michael Gooch and to Mr Ian Parrott for permission to park in his field at these two services.

**FAMILY SERVICE** – The theme for the Family Service on 19<sup>th</sup> November was also remembrance. The Rev. Michelle Morton taxed the brains of the congregation by setting difficult memory type games. It's easier to remember symbols and pictures than words. It was fun and enjoyable but it was a shame that only one family was present. Next time a reminder will be sent to other families and it is hoped that more will attend.

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** – This popular service will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm. Could parents ensure that their children bring in a Christmas present, wrapped up and labelled with the words "suitable for boy/girl aged 3-6" or whatever is appropriate. The presents do not have to be new toys, just in good condition and something your children have grown out of. Their gifts will be given to under-privileged children in the local area. There will be spare parcels for those who forget or are not aware that this is the custom, so there's no need to worry. If you miss the Christingle Service there is a Nine Lessons and Carols Service in St. Michael's Church in Stewkley at 7:30pm on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES** – Midnight mass will start at 11:30pm on Christmas Eve and is usually very well attended. On Christmas Day the service is at 10am (NOTE THE TIME) and is Holy Communion.

Seasons Greetings to everyone – Happy Christmas from All Saints.

## WI NEWS

The new committee has now been elected at Soulbury WI and the AGM this month saw the nomination of Andrea Hamilton as the new President. Everyone would like to thank Val Hammond for all the work she has carried out as President over the last three and a half years.

A bring and buy sale and raffle brought in much-needed funds and the members are looking forward to their Christmas meal at the Queens Head at Wing on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7.15 pm. On the 12<sup>th</sup> December there will be a WI meeting when members will exchange gifts and the usual children's gifts will be kindly donated by members for local hospitals. The speaker at the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January is Mrs Penny Tregillus. She will give a talk on speech and hearing difficulties and what the "Lions" can do to help.

We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and hope to welcome some new members in 2007. Why not make this your new year's resolution and come along and join us.

## WELCOME

We would like to welcome to the village David & Kate Bridges who have recently moved into Laburnum Cottages.

## SOULBURY ENDOWED SCHOOL GRANTS FOR EDUCATION

Notice is hereby given that the Trustees of the above charity will consider applications for grants to assist in education at the next meeting to be held in December. Persons wishing to make an application must be resident in the Parish of Soulbury and must be between the ages of 14 and 18 on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006, subject to the discretion of the Trustees.

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- Alternatively contact Alistair Brown on 01525 270648
- Abigail also lives in the village, contact her on 01525 270674

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### Turkish Rugs for Sale

Soulbury Village Hall

Friday 1st December, 18:30-  
22:00

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weaver in Turkey.

Tel. Stefan on 0208 503 2030

### Jam Jars Wanted!

Please save your jars and lids and  
let me know if you have any avail-  
able, thank you!

Tel. Liz Miller on 01525 270545

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Carols & Karaoke in The Boot - Come along for Carol Singing on Sunday 17th December starting at 7pm followed by  
Karaoke at 9pm. Last year's charity collection for Great Ormond Street Hospital was very well supported - we will be  
collecting for another charity this year, so please come along.  
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## FAMILY HISTORY

We have received the following pleas :

"I was wondering whether any of your readers would be able to help me. I am trying to trace back my family tree and as a result have landed in Soulbury around 1800. I believe the Corkett family were farmers around the area. John Corkett was a Shoe and Boot manufacturer who I believe had a business in Soulbury around 1850ish. I am constantly scanning the local area websites and have managed to trace some of my relatives in Wing which I believe is nearby, but I am still trying to tie in the Corketts in Ivinghoe who looked after Corketts two locks nos. 32&33 on the Grand Union Canal.

If anyone could provide any further information I would be eternally grateful.

Kind regards, Sharon Hall (nee Corkett)" email : ShalatShamar@aol.com

and

"Over the last few years, I have been researching my family tree; "The Woolheads" and have visited Soulbury a few times in search of where my ancestors actually lived.

Soulbury is indeed an enchanting village, and we will probably visit Soulbury again. The main reason for my enquiry however is to ascertain where exactly Ragmore was, as it is not mentioned any modern day maps.

"Ragmore", Soulbury, Buckinghamshire is shown on the 1841 and later census records as being where a lot of the Woolhead families lived, and I am intrigued to learn where this place is in Soulbury. Apart from the Woolhead families, there were also quite a number of other families living in Ragmore, so it was not just a name given the Woolhead family homes.

My guess is that it was up somewhere near "The Green", but maybe you will be able to enlighten me further on this subject, or put me in touch with someone who is familiar and knowledgeable about the history of Soulbury.

One other thing that I would like to know about your lovely village is; where do you all shop?, as there does not appear to be any shops in the village or even a Post Office.

Any information would be gratefully received. Thank you.

Janet M Holdsworth (nee Woolhead)" email : janetmholdsworth@hotmail.com

### **Thank you to Dr. and Mrs Owen for kindly sponsoring this months Newsletter.**

If you would like to sponsor an issue, or submit items for publication by 17th January, please contact:

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Mrs. Bunyan 270461

Mrs. Miller 270545

or email : soulburynews@dsl.pipex.com



# ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES





Priest in Charge : Michelle Morton : The Vicarage, Stewkley. Tel. 240287

Curate : Rev. Peter Lymbery : 17 Hartwell Crescent, Leighton Buzzard. Tel. 371235



Sunday	3rd December ✓	11:30am	Advent Sunday, Holy Communion
Sunday	10th December ✓	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	17th December ✓	4:00pm	Christingle Service (no morning service)
Saturday	23rd December ✓	7:30pm	Nine Lessons and Carols at St. Michael's Stewkley
Sunday	24th December ✓	11:30pm	Midnight Mass
Monday	25th December ✓	10:00am	Christmas Day, Holy Communion
Sunday	31st December ✓	11:30am	New Year's Eve, Holy Communion
Sunday	7th January ✓	11:30am	Feast of Epiphany, Holy Communion
Sunday	14th January ✓	11:30am	Family Service
Sunday	21st January ✓	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	28th January ✓	11:30am	Holy Communion

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday	1st December ✓	1:00pm	Mobile Library - Stewkley Road Bus Stop	
Tuesday	5th December ✓	7:15pm	WI Christmas Meal (The Queens Head, Wing)	
Thursday	7th December ✓		AVDC Collection for Recycling	
Tuesday	12th December ✓	8:00pm	WI Members will exchange gifts for local hospitals	
<i>*Thursday*</i>	✓14th December ✓	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	(Clubroom)
Friday	15th December ✓	1:00pm	Mobile Library - Stewkley Road Bus Stop	
Sunday	17th December ✓	7:00pm	Carols and Karaoke in The Boot	
Thursday	21st December ✓		AVDC Collection for Recycling & Glass	
<i>*Saturday*</i>	30th December ✓		AVDC Refuse Collection	
<i>*Saturday*</i>	6th January ✓		AVDC Collection for Recycling	
Tuesday	9th January ✓		WI Meeting - Talk by Mrs Penny Tregillus	(Clubroom)
<i>*Friday*</i>	12th January ✓		AVDC Refuse Collection	
Friday	12th January ✓	1:00pm	Mobile Library - Stewkley Road Bus Stop	
Monday	15th January ✓	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	(Clubroom)
Thursday	18th January ✓		AVDC Collection for Recycling & Glass	
Friday	26th January ✓	1:00pm	Mobile Library - Stewkley Road Bus Stop	
Friday	9th February ✓	7:30pm	Millennium Green Quiz Night (call 270532 or 270607)	(Clubroom)

